

# ICBVM RCIA Program 2016-17

**Schedule:** Monday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, Parish Administration Building, Lower Conference Room, except as otherwise noted below. Sunday mornings during the 9:00 AM Mass beginning November 27th.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>
September 12	<b>Welcome and Introduction: The Origins of Faith</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	An overview of the program based upon the four pillars of Catholic Faith.
September 19	<b>The Architecture of Worship: Church Tour</b>	<b>Msgr. John McCann</b>	A look at the design and details of our parish church.
September 26	<b>Why Catholicism is Different? Misconceptions about our Faith</b>	<b>Greg Myers and Pam Amos</b>	Newcomers' perspective on the key misconceptions about Catholicism.
October 3	<b>How God makes Himself Known (Scripture &amp; Tradition)</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	Discussion of the existence of God seen through the Bible and Church teaching.
October 10	<b>The Mass (Part One)</b>	<b>Joe Bailey</b>	Examination of the theology of the Mass.
October 17	<b>The Mass (Part Two)</b>	<b>Joe Bailey</b>	The ritual (format) of the Mass.
October 24	<b>The Creed: What Catholics Believe (Part I)</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	Key elements of the Nicene Creed.
October 31	<b>The Creed: What Catholics Believe (Part II)</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	Key elements of the Nicene Creed.
November 7	<b>The Liturgical Prayer of the Church</b>	<b>Msgr. John McCann</b>	The Church's Prayer Rituals
November 14	<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Sr. Joan Noreen</b>	Communicating with God and having a relationship with Him
November 21	<b>The Church</b>	<b>Dcn. Jim Bardi</b>	Organization and Mission of the Catholic Church
November 27	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>		Start of 9:00 AM Sunday Mass Discussion Group
November 28	<b>Sacred Scripture: Old Testament</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	Origins of the Bible. Overview of Hebrew Scripture
December 5	<b>Sacred Scripture: New Testament</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	Introduction to The Gospels and Epistles
December 8	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BVM*</b>		
December 12	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>Sr. Joan Noreen</b>	Getting to know the Blessed Virgin Mary.
December 19	<b>Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	Examining the Central Mystery of Christian Faith: One God; Three Divine Persons
December 25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY*</b>		
January 1, 2017	<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY*</b>		
January 2	<b>Catholic Practices and Terminology</b>	<b>Dcn. Jim Bardi</b>	A look at Holy Water, processions, medals, statues and other examples of Catholic devotion.
January 9	<b>The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	Examining the Sacraments that are the basis for membership in the Catholic Church.
January 16	<b>The Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick</b>	<b>Msgr. John McCann</b>	Examining the Sacraments that restore our relationship with God.
January 23	<b>The Sacraments of Vocation: Matrimony and Holy Orders</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	Examining the Sacraments that service others.
January 30	<b>Living the Christian Married Life</b>	<b>Toni and Jim Kaucher</b>	Making a marriage work for more than 50 yrs.
February 6	<b>A Catholic Perspective on the Final Things</b>	<b>Dcn. Chuck Giordano</b>	Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. Purgatory, too!
February 13	<b>Living the Faith (Discipleship)</b>	<b>Toni and Jim Kaucher</b>	Being a Catholic requires more than attending Sunday Mass.
February 20	<b>Science and Christianity</b>	<b>Joe Gazzillo, Ph.D.</b>	Looking at the relationship between Christian Faith and Science.
February 27	<b>Lent: A Changing of Heart</b>	<b>Toni and Jim Kaucher</b>	A look at Lent and the other "Seasons" of the Church year.
March 1	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY [Lenten Season Begins]</b>		
March 5	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>		Rite of Election @ Cathedral, if appropriate.
March 6, 13, 20 and 27	<b>Catholic Morality</b>	<b>Msgr. John McCann Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	The Commandments, Temptation, Sin, discussion of issues affecting moral choices and Catholic Social teaching.
April 3	<b>The Paschal Mystery (Holy Week)</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	The Triduum and its importance to Christian belief.
April 9	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>		
April 10	<b>No session scheduled.</b>		
April 13	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM Liturgy</b>		
April 14	<b>GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</b>		
April 15	<b>GREAT EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Liturgy</b>		
April 16	<b>EASTER DAY*</b>		
April 17	<b>Mystagogy (Deeper Insight into Catholic Faith)</b>	<b>Dcn. Paul Hiryak</b>	Program wrap-up and discussion about additional opportunities for faith formation.
May 25	<b>FEAST OF ASCENSION*</b>		
June 4	<b>FEAST OF PENTECOST*</b>		

\* Denotes Holy Day of Obligation